enacting a Regulation for establishing Panchayet Courts to the Chief Court for a report with a request that they would consult District officers and other men competent to give an opinion and submit their remarks. The chief point for consideration will be whether the Panchayet Court should be authorised to hear and decide cases at the instance of either of the parties or only when both parties consent to adjudication by the Panchayet.

Subject No. 23.
A Regulation for Minor Municipalities and Rules for Village conservancy and sanitation.

Summary of discussion.—A Regulation for the conduct of the Minor Municipalities and similar rules for village conservancy and sanitation are badly required. In their absence, nuisances remain unabated alike in villages where no Municipality may be introduced and in towns like Shimoga where Municipal arrangements exist. Sanitary wants are pressing and there is great adulteration of food stuffs with impunity. Ghee is rendered unwholesome by admixture of cocoanut oil and groundnut oil. 5 or even 7 per cent of rice bought in bazars is mere sand and stone. The Indian Penal Code does not overtake the authors of this adulteration.

Dewan's reply.—A committee is working at the promised Rules and Regulations on this subject.

Subject No. 24.
Uniformity of weights and measures.

Summary of discussion.—Of weights and measures there is great variety, and there is fraud practised under their shelter. The seer varies in different places. One weight is often used by merchants for buying their stock, and a different weight for selling it. Prosecution often fails in consequence of Magistrates holding that there is no standard of weights and measures to go by. Mr. Nanjunda Rao (Representative from the Davangere Taluk) spoke to the same effect and of great inconvenience arising in his part of the country. Mr. Srinivas Josyar (Representative from the Mysore City) pointed out as an instance, the khandi differed in Mandya, Mysore, and Nanjungud, and suggested that a standard seer may now be fixed and called the Chamarajendra seer.

Dewan's reply.—A measure for the Regulation of weights and measures is under the consideration of Government. Deputy Commissioners will be asked to submit a report with samples explaining the measures and weights used in the several parts of their Districts with remarks as to the manner in which measures are used whether by heaping the grain above the rim or otherwise. Meanwhile the orders contained in the late Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 5084—882, dated 18th August 1876, continue to be in force.

Subject No. 25.
Inconvenient proximity of plantations to villages.

Summary of discussion.—The inconvenience arising from proximity of plantations to villages has often been brought forward and always recognised by Government and orders have been given to put back the boundary line where this is too close to villages. But these orders are often disregarded